And They Say: 'It will be Forgiven 'for Us

The greatest reason for the demise of the Children of Israel and their ilk was that they saw themselves as true establishers of the religion. While they passed judgement on other people, they did not do that on themselves. They believe that the rulings of the religion do not apply on them, and they see themselves as underserving of punishment from Allah, no matter what sins they commit, and even if He does punish them, it will be for just a few days. They see themselves as friends of Allah and His beloved ones, even if they commit shirk or kufr against His Messengers, peace and blessings be upon them.

Many ayat from the Book of Allah were revealed to describe them, where He says: "But the Jews and the Christians say, 'We are the children of Allah and His beloved.' Say, 'Then why does He punish you for your sins?' Rather, you are human beings from among those He has created. He forgives whom He wills, and He punishes whom He wills. And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them, and to Him is the [final] destination" [Al-Maidah 18]. And says: "And they say, 'Never will the Fire touch us, except for a few days.' Say, 'Have you taken a covenant with Allah? For Allah will never break His covenant. Or do you say about Allah that which you do not know?'" [Al-Baqarah 80]. And says: "And there followed them successors who inherited the Scripture [while] taking the commodities of this lower life and saying, 'It will be forgiven for us.' And if an offer like it comes to them, they will [again] take it. Was not the covenant of the Scripture taken from them that they would not say about Allah except the truth, and they studied what was in it? And the home of the Hereafter is better for those who fear Allah, so will you not use reason?" [Al-A'raf: 169]. And other ayat that reveals their lies and clarify to them that their claims will not spare them from the punishment of Allah. What will rescue them, however, is doing good deeds and avoiding sins.

And as our Messenger (PBUH) mentioned, there will be sects from his Ummah who will follow the footsteps of their forefathers, the people of the Book, even in that dangerous matter. And each sect will claim that they are the friends and beloved ones of Allah, and no matter what sins they commit and rules they violate, they will still be forgiven and they will only be touched by the Fire for but a few days. Their justification for that is that they are the victorious sect and their claims about the establishment of the religion will erase all their sins, even if it was shirk in Allah, the Lord of all creation.

We have witnessed over the past decades, the intensity of the attacks by some against those who ruled with other than what Allah has revealed, and how they make clear takfir against them, and described them as tawaghit, and called to fight them and purify the land from the filth of their shirk. However, when they were tested by Allah and put in the place where those whom they formerly antagonized used to be, they ruled using the same taghut laws and they maintain the shirk. It was exactly as if the ayah of Allah - "And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed - then it is those who are the disbelievers" [Al-Maidah 44] - was revealed on the like of Zine al-Abidine, Hosni Mubarak and Bashar al-Assad, as well as others who do the same and follow their footsteps, such as Erdogan, Morsi, Ghannouchi, al-Sarraj, al-Jawlani and others.

We have also witnessed how the attack of those against the tawaghit of Al Saud was severe for their alliance with the mushrikin against Muslims and for their opening the lands for Crusader bases to be built, only to discover later that the reason for their attack was their envy for the tawaghit over their relationship with the Crusaders. And we have witnessed how they allied with the Crusaders in their fight against the Islamic State and its soldiers, and how they handed over the lands to NATO soldiers in Sham and Libya. Truly, it is as if Allah meant the taghut Fahad and his ilk when He says: "O you who have believed, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are [in fact] allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you - then indeed, he is [one] of them. Indeed, Allah guides not the wrongdoing people" [Al-Maidah 51]. As for their loyalty to the mushrikin, it is for them a way to elevate their rank in their corrupt religion.

We then witness them today considering Morsi to be a Muslim, despite his ruling with a kufr constitution, a constitution that was the reason for their making takfir against his taghut predecessors. They ignored his acknowledgment of agreements with the Jews, which was also the reason for attacking his taghut predecessors, and made it permissible for him to fight the muwahiddin and kill them, despite their prohibiting that when other tawaghit did it. All these contradictions because he was part of the so-called "Islamic Movement", the joining of which they consider to be a contraindication of takfir. They claim that deep inside his heart, he wanted Tawhid. Then how could they tell that other tawaghit did not want that deep inside their hearts, as well?! Did they know what is inside their hearts, or did they judge them based on their deeds? Have they forgotten that Gamal 'Abdul-Nasir claimed at the beginning that he wanted the Shari'ah? And that Saddam Hussein at the end also declared the same?

Thus, we see them create the contraindications which they use as a shield to protect whoever committed shirk and kufr among them, or to protect whoever they avoid to make takfir against, either under a threat or allure. Meanwhile, all these contraindications disappear when they accuse of being Khawarij, those who make takfir against those mushrikin. If ignorance and bad interpretation of the text is their reason to excuse whoever contradicts Tawhid, then these reasons should definitely be justifications to excuse whoever they consider mistaken in making takfir against mushrikin whom they consider to be Muslims.

This is the status of the people of misguidance today; they think that the rulings of the religion were revealed to be applied on others rather than on themselves, and that the contraindications of rulings were revealed to prevent punishment from being implemented on them and not on others. Therefore, they consider the religion belongs to them and not to the Lord of all creation. They think that will be suffice instead of words, and words instead of deeds. Moreover, they think that knowledge is the complete faith that nothing will contradict, just as their predecessors had thought, before that thought led them to the Hellfire.